

**SANTA ROSA BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 100 SANTA ROSA AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING**

1:31 p.m. City Council Chamber

unanimously. AYES (7) NO (0) ABSENT (0)
ABSTAIN (0)

ROLL CALL

Present (7) Chairman Dowd, Vice Chairman
Lowe, Board Members Downey, Galvin, Holt,
Lindsay and Swinth

ROLL CALL OF NEW BOARD

Present (7) Chairman Dowd, Vice Chairman
Swinth, Board Members Gale, Galvin, Holt,
Lowe and Meechan

**STATEMENTS OF ABSTENTION BY BOARD
MEMBERS - NONE**

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MINUTES APPROVAL

Vice Chairman Lowe moved approval of the
minutes of January 15, 2009. The motion was
seconded by Board Member Holt and carried
unanimously. AYES (7) NO (0) ABSENT (0)
ABSTAIN (0)

Board Members Gale and Meechan
introduced themselves and provided a brief
overview of their background and experience.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA
MATTERS**

**PRESENTATION FOR OUTGOING BOARD
MEMBERS**

Chairman Dowd presented Board Member
Downey with a resolution of the Board, a
plaque and a water meter clock to
acknowledge his 23 years of service to the
Board and the citizens of the City of Santa
Rosa.

Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed
Protection Committee welcomed the new
Board Members and expressed appreciation
for the leadership of the Board.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

Chairman Dowd also presented Board
Member Lindsay with a resolution of the
Board and a plaque acknowledging his nearly
50 years of service to the citizens of the City
of Santa Rosa as both an employee and a
Board Member.

**6.1 STATUS OF STORM WATER PERMIT
NEGOTIATIONS**

At 1:52 p.m., the Board recessed the meeting
for refreshments. The meeting was
reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

Rita Miller, Supervising Engineer updated the
Board on the status of negotiations with the
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control
Board regarding the renewal of the City's
NPDES storm water permit. Discussions have
been positive and a draft permit could be
released in February with a final in June. Ms.
Miller noted that staff is preparing a cost
analysis of the draft permit that will be
presented to City Council on February 24,
2009.

**BOARD REORGANIZATION, SEATING OF
NEW MEMBERS AND ANNOUNCEMENT
OF CHAIR**

CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Dowd announced that Mayor Gorin
had reappointed him as Chair for 2009.

**7.1 CONTRACT EXTENSION – BIOSOLIDS
LAND APPLICATION SERVICES**

5.1 SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Vice Chairman Lowe announced that he
would be stepping down as Vice Chair and
nominated Board Member Swinth to serve in
that capacity. The nomination was seconded
by Board Member Holt and carried

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Swinth moved a motion to
approve Amendment No.2 to Contract No. 07-
8660 for biosolids land application services
with Dolcini Brothers, Petaluma, California, to
increase the current contract price and extend
the contract for an additional one-year term,

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with no increase in contract unit prices. The total amount of the contract amendment is \$68,348.63. The motion was seconded by Board Member Galvin and carried unanimously. AYES (7) NO (0) ABSENT (0) ABSTAIN (0)

7.2 BID AWARD – HYDRO EXCAVATOR & CAB AND CHASSIS COMPLETE UNIT

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Swinth moved a motion to authorize the award of a purchase order for one hydro excavator and cab and chassis complete unit to Bayshore International, Rohnert Park, California, for the total amount of \$475,866.44. The motion was seconded by Board Member Galvin and carried unanimously. AYES (7) NO (0) ABSENT (0) ABSTAIN (0)

REPORT ITEMS

8.1 REPORT – BOND MARKET UPDATE

David Heath, Director of Finance introduced Sarah Hollenbeck from Public Financial Management Group. Ms. Hollenbeck provided an update to the Board on the challenges arising from the current economic downturn and the impact to existing and future bond issues; explained the impacts on the bond insurance market and discussed the Economic Recovery Package and its potential for providing relief to state and local governments.

8.2 REPORT – DRAFT SANTA ROSA GENERAL PLAN 2035

David Guhin, Deputy Director Asset Management introduced Lisa Kranz, Senior Planner to give an overview of the Draft General Plan (Plan). The Plan revision focuses on the Housing Element and incorporates policies from other planning documents and includes policies related to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Ms. Kranz highlighted elements of the plan, identified its availability and presented the review schedule with final adoption by City Council needed by June 30, 2009.

8.3 REPORT - WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Glen Wright, Deputy Director Water Resources reported on the status of water supply; noted that Lake Sonoma was 73.7% full and Lake Mendocino is 35.73% full and presented a graphic from the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) defining the Russian River Basin Streamflow Requirements. Jennifer Burke, Senior Water Resources Planner reviewed Section 3.5 of the Restructured Agreement which outlines how the Agency will respond during a water supply shortage. Ms. Burke then presented a summary of the Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan that defines the Rationing Stages, Reduction Goals, prohibitions on water use and the water shortage rate structure. Dan Carlson, Deputy Director, Utility Operations presented the storage and operations curve for recycled water and briefly discussed the benefits of the Agreement between the Town of Windsor and the City of Santa Rosa and the flexibility that it has provided to the reuse system. Ms. Burke then provided an update on the activities of the Water Conservation and Policies, Procedures and Programs Subcommittees.

Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Committee spoke about the Agency's recently released EIR on their long range water plan; expressed concern about comments made by Randy Poole at the last Technical Advisory Committee meeting; and suggested that outdoor conservation should be the focus for Water Conservation.

10. REFERRALS

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (And Possible Board Action)

11.1 January 8, 2009 Letter to Lynn Small, Deputy Director – Environmental Compliance with a CC. to the Board of Public Utilities from Joe Bentz regarding fencing along Joe Rodota bike trail and City Farms; included in packet

Lynn Small, Deputy Director Environmental Services discussed the letter that was received and reported that he has been in contact with the Fish and Game Department

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and they gave recommendations that would provide access to wildlife. The recommendations included removal of the barbed wire at the top of the fence and the creation of holes at various points along the fence to allow access to wildlife.

12. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

13. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Holt asked if the new billing system could include a separation of the whole sale costs charged by the agency and the costs charged by Santa Rosa in anticipation that the Agency will be raising fees and decreasing water delivery. Chairman Dowd directed Mr. Ferris to talk with Administrative Services and their billing operation to see if that can be accommodated with little difficulty.

14. DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Ferris reported that there will be several mobile home parks that will be connected to City water, through Prop 84 funding, because of contaminated wells, shallow wells and numerous other issues.

15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S) AND ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION(S) (MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM – ROOM 10)

At 5:05 p.m., Assistant City Attorney Rawlings announced the closed session item.

15.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Name of case: In re: Calpine Corporation, et al., Debtors: United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York; Case No. 05-60200 (BRL)

16. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board adjourned to open session at approximately 5:45 p.m. and Chairman Dowd announced that no action was taken, that the Board received an informational briefing from legal counsel, and provided direction to

counsel.

17. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

At 5:47 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Richard Dowd

Gina Perez